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BG GARRISON. INFO AMBASSADOR ROY; AS LORD; DAS COOK; RADM

BOWMAN; LTG CLAPPER; RADM MCDEVITT FROM ASD CHAS FREEMAN

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP TO CHINA TRIP (U)

1. (U) JOHN. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SINCERE APPRECIATION TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR SUPPORTING MY VISIT TO BEIJING A FEW WEEKS AGO. IT HAS BEEN GENERALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE TRIP WAS A SUCCESS, AND THAT RESULT IS DUE IN NO SMALL PART TO YOUR OFFICE'S FINE EFFORTS.

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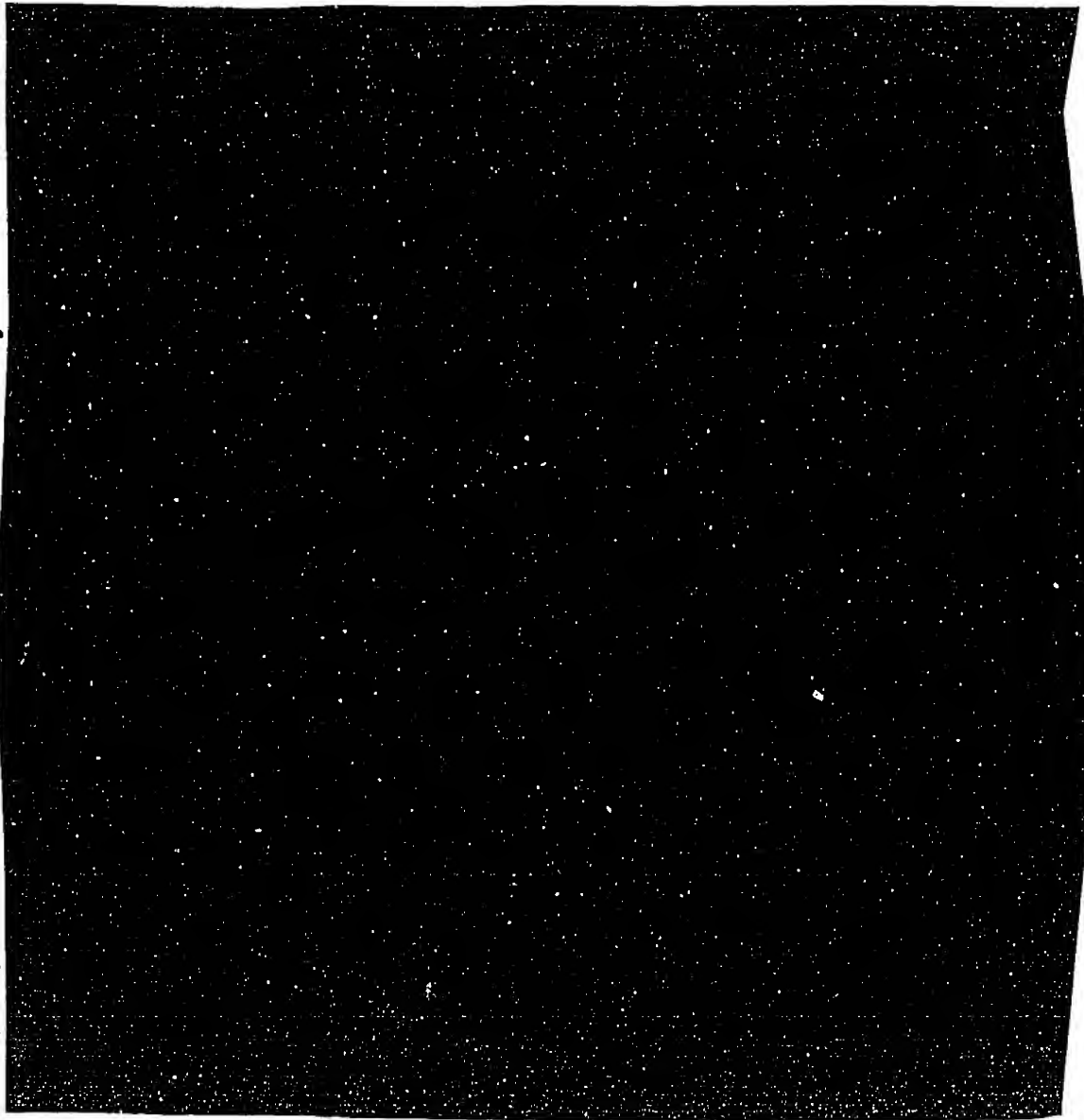
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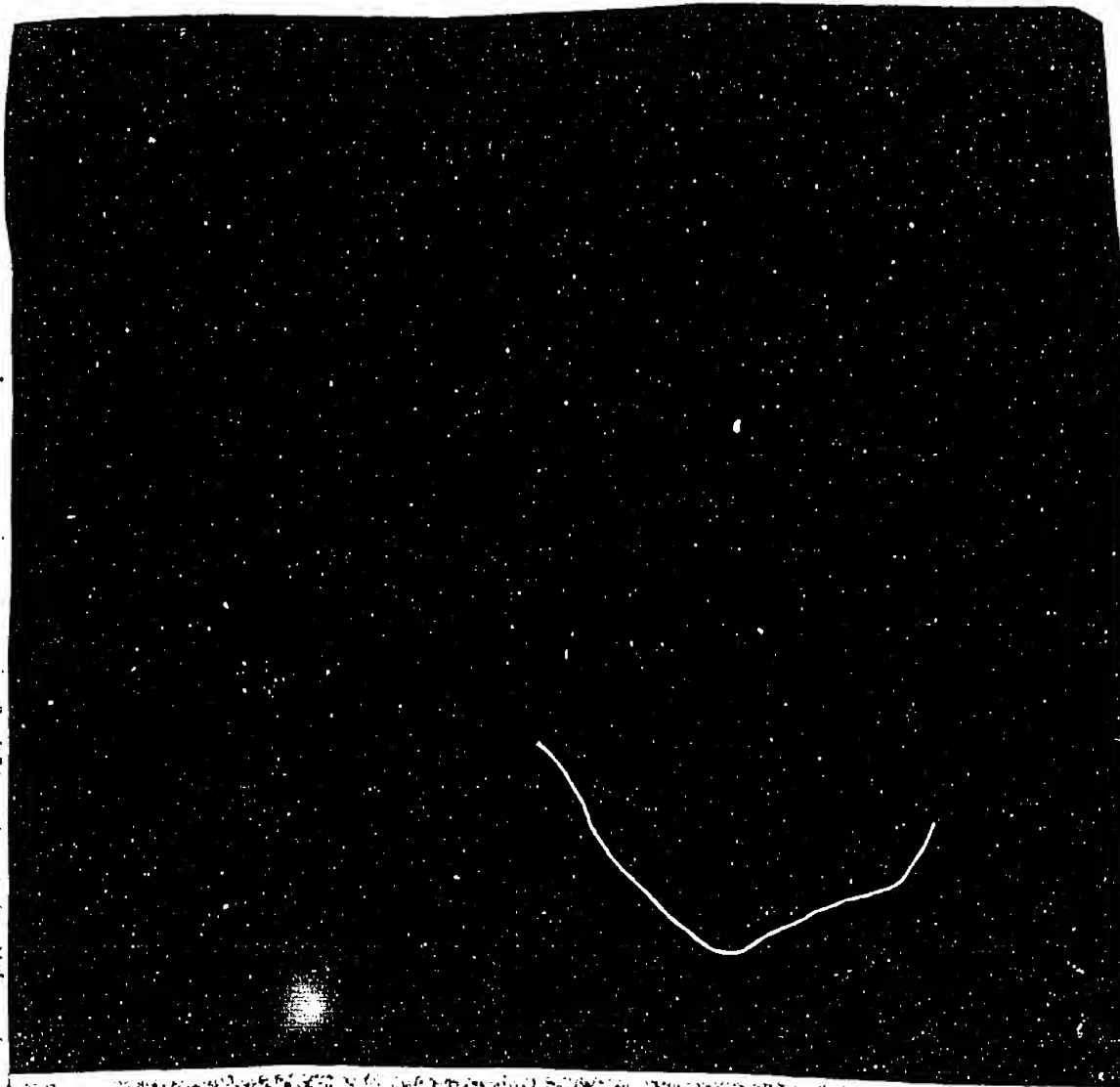
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3. (U) ALSO, PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER AT THE SAME MEETING WITH MND FAB (HARD COPY FOLLOWS):

{BEGIN TEXT}

LIEUTENANT GENERAL XU HUIZI
DEPUTY CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF
PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY
BEIJING, CHINA

DEAR GENERAL XU:

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE EXCELLENT HOSPITALITY WHICH THE PLA SHOWED ME DURING MY VISIT TO CHINA RECENTLY. I HOPE THAT YOU AGREE WITH ME THAT OUR DIALOGUE CONTRIBUTED TO THE BEGINNING OF

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THE PROCESS OF RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. I
FOUND OUR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS TO BE VERY USEFUL.

THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP STILL HAS ITS PROBLEMS, AND WORK
STILL NEEDS TO BE DONE TO REMOVE THE OBSTACLES IN OUR PATH.

HOWEVER, WITH THE REINITIATION OF MILITARY CONTACTS, THE
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE AND THE PEOPLE'S LIBERATION ARMY CAN USE
• THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP IMPROVE THE OVERALL RELATIONSHIP.

AGAIN, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE ARRANGEMENTS YOU MADE FOR MY
VISIT. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN
WASHINGTON WHERE WE CAN CONTINUE OUR DISCUSSIONS.

SINCERELY,

CHAS. W. FREEMAN, JR.

{END TEXT}

4. {U} JOHN, THE NEW INITIATIVE WILL BE FORWARDED SHORTLY TO
YOU THROUGH STATE CHANNELS. WARM REGARDS. CHAS FREEMAN.

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